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Katsumi SHIBAYAMA et al.) Confirmation No.: 2756
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Application No.: 10/715,118) Group Art Unit: 2814
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For: BACK ILLUMINATED PHOTODIODE
ARRAY, MANUFACTURING
METHOD AND SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop RCE
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Concurrently filed herein with a Request for Continued Examination and prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This filing is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 9, 2005, the period for response to which has been extended through January 9, 2006, by the concurrently filed petition for extension of time and corresponding fee payment.